

Ralph S. Izard House
10 Pell Street
Newport
Newport County
Rhode Island

HABS No. RI-319

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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RALPH S. IZARD HOUSE

Location: 10 Pell Street, Newport, Rhode Island

Present Owners: Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bartley de Toley

Present Occupants: Same

Present Use: Residential with part of the ground floor used for a kindergarten, and a second apartment on the third floor.

Significance: This is one example of a series of large granite houses built in Newport in the mid-nineteenth century. Italianate in character, it is the work of the Newport builder and architect Seth Bradford.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: 1847-1849.
2. Architect: Attributed to Seth Bradford, based on similarities with Chateau-sur-Mer (RI-313) and the Mary T. Porter House (RI-314). The house is shown on the Walling map of 1850 and the Dripps map of 1850.

3. Original and subsequent owners:

Chain of title: Ralph S. Izard House
10 Pell Street
Plat 22, Lot 114,
Tax Assessor's Office
Newport, Rhode Island

1869 Office of the City Clerk, Newport, Rhode Island
Tax Assessor's Record, Newport, Rhode Island

Deed of August 18, 1849, recorded in LEB. 27, p.529-530.

From: Henry B. Hazard
To: Ralph S. Izard
For: \$1,000

"... certain piece or parcel of land.... bounded...Northwesterly on Kay Street, seventy six feet three inches, Northeasterly on land of this grantor, two hundred and ninety-two feet, South Easterly on land of John J. Allan seventy-seven feet, three inches, and a half inch, and South Westerly on the estate on this day conveyed by this grantor to Mrs. Patunc S. B. Eustis, two hundred seventy-nine feet-eight inches...being same tract of land, which the Corporation of Trinity Church in Newport leased to the late George Engs...

1869 Deed of September 26, 1869,
Recorded in LEB. 41, p.475, January 1, 1870.

From: Ralph S. Izard, Elizabeth Izard, Esther M. Izard,
Josephine L. Izard, heirs at law of Ralph S. Izard,
late of South Carolina decd. and Rosa E. Izard
To: Alfrederick S. Hatch of NYC
For: \$23,333.33

"...A certain tract or parcel of land together with all the buildings and improvements thereon standing, ... bounded westerly by Kay Street, Northerly by land and premises of Wm. S. Caldwell, Easterly, partly by the land and premises of Daniel T. Swinburne dna partly by land of Waldron Pell deceased and Southerly by the land and premises of Henry L. Eustis.

1891 Deed of January 17, 1891
Recorded in LEB. 62, p.157, January 24, 1891

From: Alfrederick Hatch
To: Howard Smith

1901 Deed of July 29, 1901
Recorded in LEB. 78, p.198, August 13, 1901

From: Katherine Smith
To: Jeannie T. Mallery

1914 Deed of September 26, 1914
Recorded in LEB. 99, p.224, September 26, 1914

From: Jeannie T. Mallery
To: George Turnure

1919 Deed of September 8, 1919
Recorded in LEB. 107, p.354, September 11, 1919

From: George Turnure
To: James P. Cozzens

- 1937 Deed of August 1, 1937
Recorded in LEB. 139, p.106, August 11, 1937.

From: James P. Cozzens
To: Savings Bank of Newport
- 1943 Deed of March 25, 1943
Recorded in LEB. 152, p.385, April 9, 1943.

From: Savings Bank of Newport
To: Victor Danin
- 1948 Deed of July 6, 1948
Recorded in LEB. 167, p.599, July 7, 1948

From: Victor Danin
To: Thomas P. Raffa
- 1948 Deed of July 6, 1948
Recorded in LEB. 167, p.599, July 7, 1948

From: Thomas P. Raffa
To: National Portuguese Museum-Pell Foundation
- 1955 Deed of August 9, 1954
Recorded in LEB. 188, p.310, September 29, 1955

From: National Portuguese Museum-Pell Foundation
To: Jose Aguiar
- 1955 Deed of September 29, 1955
Recorded in LEB 223, p.60, April 24, 1968

From: Jose Aguiar
To: Caple Cooper
- 1968 Deed of April 29, 1968
Recorded in LEB. 223, p.74, recorded April 29, 1968

From: Caple Cooper
To: George E. Barclay de Toley

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This is one example of a group of large Italianate granite houses of the mid-nineteenth century.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Square, 50' x 50', (three-bays) two-and-one-half stories.
2. Foundations: 32" random field stone.
3. Wall construction: Random coursed ashlar, quoined corners.
4. Structural system: Masonry
5. Porches, stoops: One story porch around three sides, front, (southwest) rear and left (northwest).
6. Chimneys: Four brick chimneys, plastered, with brownstone caps.
7. Openings:
 - a. Two leaf main entrance door, side and top lights.
 - b. Windows: Stone sills and pediments over windows. Double hung window, six-light sash. Pedimented dormer windows in mansard roof. French windows on first floor to the porches.
8. Alterations: The house was remodelled including a new mansard roof, probably by Hatch in the 1870s. The present owners are renovating the house.

C. Sources of Information:

1. Deeds in Newport City Hall
2. Bibliography:

Newspaper Articles on Ralph Stead Izard of Charleston,
South Carolina

Newport Mercury January 22, 1859, obituary: died on September 11, 1858, age 43; bought land on Kay Street from 1847-1849; house sold to Hatch in 1870.

- D. Site: The house faces northwest on a small level lot in a residential neighborhood. The landscaping is informal.

III. PROJECT INFORMATION:

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